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Prior to Examination of the above-captioned patent application, please make the following changes:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, under the heading 'Federal Research Statement' with the following paragraph:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-19.

Add the following New Claims:

20. (New) A process of screening for biologically active agents that mimic Bok function, comprising:

combining a candidate biologically active agent with a mammalian Bok polypeptide; determining whether said agent competes with said Bok polypeptide in an *in vitro* assay designed to assess Bok polypeptide activity.

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